

From the Editors

The recent, and seemingly continuing, burst of cold and damp weather may be good news for those people interested in fungi, but it doesn't hold many attractions for outdoor activity otherwise. It is pleasing, therefore, that the Editors have a warm place in which to shelter, and work on preparing copy for *The Victorian Naturalist*. It is all the more pleasing that there is a range of interesting papers for them to include in the journal. As with any periodical, there is always a potential for an 'ebb and flow' in the submission of material suitable for publication. We are perhaps fortunate in that to date we have not had to curtail the production of the FNCV journal through lack of submissions. In part, this may be a function of the diversity of our interests in natural history but, even so, after more than 130 years of publication, it is no small boast.

The present issue is a good example of the variety of subject matter that finds a place in this journal: mammals, invertebrates, plants and fungi are all included here. Following our comments in the April 2013 issue, regarding older members of FNCV, we note with regret the passing of Dr Noel Schleiger, yet another long-serving and highly active member. Publication of tributes to members such as Noel is one of the less enjoyable features of our task.

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